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BATTERY

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

It is requested that the references listed on the attached Information Disclosure Statement Form PTO/SB/08A be considered by the Patent Examiner in connection with the above-identified application and be made of record therein.

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I hereby certify that the enclosed references were first cited in a Communication (copy enclosed) dated October 28, 2002 from the Japanese Patent Office concerning counterpart Japanese Application No. 2000-297499, not more than three months prior to the filing of this Statement.

Independent consideration and acknowledgment of the enclosed references are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,  
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